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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 02/26/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/19/05
BRO-FRY	159,306	162,454
LT HENS	1,519	1,382
HVY HENS	1,364	1,322

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	337	0	337
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	267	0	267
Same week yr ago	229	3	232
To-date/2005	2,232	4	2,236
To-date/2004	1,821	28	1,849

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,614	1,161	2,775
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,572	1,246	2,818
Same week yr ago	1,520	1,317	2,837
To-date/2005	11,989	8,678	20,667
To-date/2004	10,946	9,007	19,953

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438
Avg Wt	5.16	3.23	7.79	5.40
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,449	1,305	1,246	2,551
Same wk yr ago	152,287	1,291	1,314	2,605
Avg Wt	5.05	3.29	7.91	5.62
To-date/2005	1,094,548	9,757	8,674	18,431
To-date/2004	1,073,294	9,125	8,979	18,104

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.6 million head or 4.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	24,705	22,136	46,515
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	26%	24%	50%
Last week	25,179	22,749	46,825
Avg Weight	3.68	4.78	6.53
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,938	20,603	44,512
Avg Weight	3.71	4.80	6.26
% of total /1	31%	22%	47%
To date/2005	150,770	125,445	282,717
To date/2004	137,205	126,662	240,493

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,427	2,489	38	7	3,961
Avg Wt	15.94	38.46	25.27	34.08	30.21
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,539	2,489	9	1	4,038
Same wk yr ago	1,651	2,507	31	6	4,195
Avg Wt	15.58	36.23	25.96	34.06	28.02
To-date/2005	10,760	17,632	210	32	28,634
To-date/2004	11,724	17,010	246	48	29,028

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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